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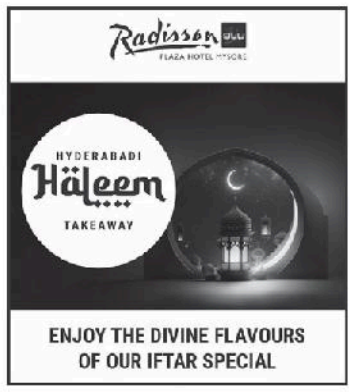

CEN Cops return 15 cell phones to owners

Newly introduced CEIR of DoT used to track stolen devices

City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh returning the cell phones recovered in various cases, to owners, at his office in Nazarbad this morning. DCP (Law and Order) M. Muthuraj is also seen.

Mysuru, Apr. 1 (RK&BS)- Making optimum use of newly incorporated Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR) software of Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Cyber, Economics and Narcotics (CEN) Crime Police of the city have recovered 15 mobile phones worth about Rs. 3 lakh, stolen in various cases recently.

City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh returned the mobile phones to its owners, at his office in Nazarbad here this morning, in the presence of DCP (Law and Order) M. Muthuraj.

The CEN Police team, led by Inspector Yogananjappa and Sub-Inspector Siddesh, cracked the cases. Karnataka Police are the third after Goa and Maharashtra to implement CEIR, after it was launched in the year 2019.

How it works?

To block a stolen mobile set on CEIR, the complainant should visit ***www.ceir.gov.in.*** In case the complainant / user does not block the mobile set, the Station House Officer (SHO) shall send the details generated through 'e lost', or details of cases booked under IPC Section 392 of stolen mobiles to Nodal Officers to block the device. The Police Inspector of CEN Police is the Nodal Officer at unit level.

The CEIR software comes in handy, from blocking the SIM card of stolen mobile phones to tracking the users with the help of International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI) Number.

The CEN Police block the SIM card, by uploading the details like mobile number along with other relevant details of the complainant, on the website. After the phone gets blocked, the device can be still tracked with the help of IMEI number and a traceability report will be generated and dispatched to local Police Stations to take steps to trace such phones. After recovery, the mobile phone will be unblocked, with the provisions available on the software.

Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway

Hike in toll revoked at same speed

Mysuru, Apr. 1 (RK&BS)- Following a severe backlash from the general public over the decision of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to hike the toll fee on the newly opened Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway by 22 percent (on 59-km Nidaghatta-Bengaluru section), the NHAI has revoked the order in the same speed.

B.T. Sridhar, Project Director of NHAI, told *SOM* this morning that 'the order on hiking the toll on Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway, that was to come into effect from today (Apr. 1, 2023) has been withdrawn and the old tariff of toll will continue to be in force.'

Moreover, as the State is already on election mode, with Assembly polls scheduled for May 10, the BJP-led Central Government appears to have woken up, even before things went awry. Any anti-public move further may prove costly to the BJP-led State Government, that is already in an embattled position.

(See HIKE on page 7)

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District Electoral Officer takes control of Government Guest Houses

The locked gates of Chamundi Guest House on JLB Road.

Mysuru, Apr. 1 (DM&RK)- With the Model Code of Conduct coming into force immediately after the Election Commission of India (ECI) announced the Karnataka Assembly poll schedule on Mar. 29, Mysuru DC Dr. K.V. Rajendra, who is also the District Electoral Officer, has taken control of all Government Guest Houses in the district.

Subsequently, holding of any political meetings or any other functions in the premises of Guest Houses has been banned till the completion of election process. Also, unauthorised parking of vehicles and letting out of rooms in Guest Houses to any unauthorised person/s for resting/ staying has been strictly prohibited, according to a press release from the DC.

The main gates of the Guest Houses have been locked and the office boards of MP, MLA and MLC at the Guest Houses have been covered with clothes and masked with stickers.

In Mysuru city, there are five Government Guest Houses — Chamundi Guest House on JLB Road, Jaladarshini Guest House on Hunsur Road, Government Guest House in Nazarbad, State PWD Guest House in Nazarbad and Central PWD Guest House in DFRL premises on Bannur Road.

In Taluk Headquarters and other rural areas, the IBs (Inspection Bungalows) and TBs (Traveller Bungalows) come under the control of the DC.

As the Model Code of Conduct is in force, these Guest Houses will not be let out for political leaders and other private parties but will be used only for official duties and poll related duties by Government officers.

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Saturday 1st April 2023

Geethasangam Musical evening tomorrow

Mysuru, Apr. 1- Music Lovers Group under the guidance of Kavitha Kamath will present "Geethasangam April 2023," a musical programme based on old Kannada and Hindi film songs at Nadabramha Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, here on Sunday (Apr. 2) at 5.30 pm.

Music Lovers Group consists of singers from various fields like Doctors, Chartered Accountants, entrepreneurs etc., from across the city who have a passion of singing and are presenting this programme to the music loving public of Mysuru.

Geethasangam, which has become popular since its inception, will start at 5.30 pm and conclude by 8.45 pm with a variety of songs of yesteryears. The singers participating in this programme are: Nithyanand Kamath, Kavitha Kamath, Dr. Bharati, Dr. Seethalakshmy, Dr. Somanath Vasudeva, Dr. Manjunath, Nikhil Prabhu, Suma Prakash, Sadashiv Shenoy and Narayan Hedathale.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

For better management of water resources and enhancing access to water, the Government of India has undertaken several structural changes, including launching a Ministry of Jal Shakti, the Atal Bhujal Yojana on groundwater, and the Jal Jeevan Mission to ensure freshwater access to all 19 crore rural households in the country. In Karnataka, the restoration of lakes and tanks is underway, and detailed project reports for 150 lakes in the Bengaluru area have been completed.

The Karnataka State Water Policy- 2022 ticks all the correct boxes to address the increasing water stress under a changing climate. It encourages the reliance on technology for efficient water use and supports payment for water use and changes in the crops cultivated based on the availability and demand for water in a region.

Storage and redistribution of water are important strategies to meet the water demand. Shifting of water, intra and inter-basin, from surplus to deficient areas needs careful consideration, as under a future climate, the annual and seasonal availability of water can rapidly change due to changes in rainfall patterns. Accordingly, the present and proposed infrastructure and mechanisms for storage, transport, and distribution of water would need a fresh assessment of the associated physical, environmental, and social vulnerabilities and risks.

Given the uncertain future, preparedness and adaptation measures are better inspired by and rooted in the ways of nature. For example, the need for irrigation can be reduced by improving the water retention capacity of soils and planting trees with deep root systems in the farmlands to ameliorate dry and hot conditions, thereby reducing the demand for water and securing crop yield.

Finally, citizens' demand for better water management and their participation in water governance are necessary to compel individuals, institutions, and governments to take urgent water action.

— Jagmohan Sharma, Indian Forest Service Officer, in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

MTV gong from the 1980s up for auction

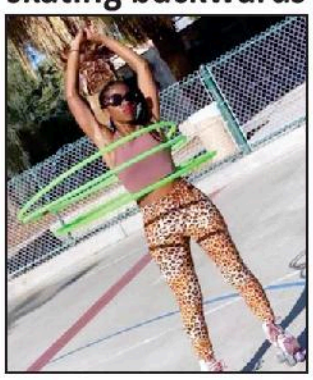
London: Bonhams, an auction company is expecting to fetch $10,000-$15,000 for an unusual piece of music history — the MTV gong from the 1980s.

Bonhams said the MTV gong was one of the two made for the cable network. The one in the auction was used by MTV at events and on the air throughout that decade.

"It was famously used by Tina Turner when she appeared as a guest presenter for a show where she talked about her favourite music videos in 1986; she kicked off the show by turning upside down on the gong stand to bang the gong with her feet," the listing states.

The Paiste steel-hammered gong, which bears the MTV logo, does not include a stand, the auction states.

Hula hoop while skating backwards



Houston: A Texas woman combined her skills of roller skating and hula hooping to break a Guinness World Record.

Veronica Harris, 54, of Houston, earned the record for the longest duration roller skating backwards while hula hooping, 33 minutes and 1 second, Guinness World Records said.

Harris also holds the record for longest duration roller skating backwards while spinning three hula hoops, 5 minutes and 4 seconds. She said other record attempts are in her future.

"I love the challenge to make the hula hoop do what is in my brain. It takes months to learn and that's OK. Life is a journey, not a marathon," Harris said.

HEALTH CAPSULE

How to o rule out prostate cancer?
Digital rectal examination by urologist and by doing serum PSA blood test will rule out Cancer of prostate..

By Dr. Dinesh Kumar T. P – Consultant – Urology and Andrology, Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Release of Sri Jayachamarajendra Vaggeya Vaibhava Grantha on Apr. 3

Mysuru, Apr. 1 (SSM) - Nrityagiri Academy of Performing Arts and Research Centre, Mysuru, has organised a programme for the release of the book 'Sri Vidya Visharada Sri Jayachamarajendra Vaggeya Vaibhava Grantha' authored by *Karnataka Kalashri Sangeetha Vidyanidhi* Vid. V. Nanjundaswamy at Ramagovinda Rangamandira in Ganabharathi premises, Kuvempunagar here on Apr. 3 at 6.30 pm.

Internationally-acclaimed violin brothers Mysore M. Nagaraj and Dr. Mysore M. Manjunath will release the book. Noopura Kalavidharu Samskruthika Trust Director Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao will speak about the book. Rashtriya Swayamsevak Pranth Sanghachalak M. Venkataram will preside. Musicologist Vid. V. Nanjundaswamy and JSS Educational Institutions retired Librarian H.S. Umadevi Nanjundaswamy will be present.

Prior to the stage programme, Vid. Sumanth Manjunath, Vid. A. Radhesh and Vid. S. Manjunath will present a violin recital between 5.30 pm and 6.30 pm.

At 7.30 pm, disciples of several Dance Gurus from various Dance Schools from across the city including Vid. Badri Divya Bhushan, Vid. K.R. Vishwa Deep, Vidu. Sindhu, Vidu. Jyothi Hegde, Vidu. Chethana Radhakrishna, Vidu. Anjana Bhushan and Vidu. Varija Nalige will give present Bharatanatyam performances based on Jayachamarajendra Wadiyar's compositions. For details, call Mob: 94487-70741.

Job-oriented training for specially-abled

Mysuru, Apr. 1 (SSM) - Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled has invited applications from differently-abled persons to avail free three-month job-oriented training.

Those who are physically-disabled, visually and hearing impaired and are aged between 18 and 30 years are eligible to apply. Applicants must have a pass in SSLC. Free food, study materials and accommodation will be provided to the trainees. Certificates will be provided after the training along with employment assistance. For details, call Mob: 94498-64693 or 80683-33999 or 63648-67818, according to a press release from the Trust's Mysuru Division Convenor M. Shivaraju.

REALLY...?

- ***Giraffes are the tallest mammals on Earth. Their legs alone are taller than many humans—about 6 feet.***
- ***Giraffes can run as fast as 35 miles an hour over short distances, or cruise at 10 mph over longer distances.***
- ***A giraffe's neck is too short to reach the ground. As a result, it has to awkwardly spread its front legs or kneel to reach the ground for a drink of water.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Little Raju eating chocolates in a bus

A man said: *Do you know that too much of chocolates is not good?* ***Raju:*** *My grand-father lived up to 132 years.* ***Man:*** *Was it because of eating chocolates?* ***Raju:*** *No, he always minded his own business!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 82.18
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 101.45
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.37
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.33

VOICE OF THE READER

Road left without tar after UGD work

Sir,

The UGD work on laying the drainage pipe was completed about four months ago on 4th Main in Saraswathipuram which connects Apollo BGS Hospitals junction and Kamakshi Hospital road. This road was completely dug for the UGD work, but was not asphalted after completing the work.

Many vehicles move on this road round-the-clock and they find it very difficult to commute. Also parents come to drop and pick up their children from a nursery school on this road.

Since this is a main link road to Apollo BGS Hospitals, a lot of ambulances ply everyday. It is needless to say that it is a nightmare for pedestrians to walk on this stretch.

Already there are incidences of accidents on this road because of very unsafe driving conditions.

We the residents and users of this road once again request the authorities to look into this issue by asphalting the road soon and put an end to the woes of the tax-paying road users.

—R.N. Prasad

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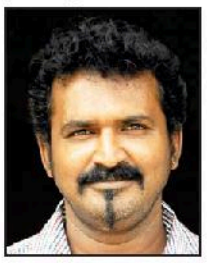
City photo-journalist bags 7 gold medals at International Photography Contest

The photograph titled 'Capture' bagged Juries' Choice Medal.

Mysuru, Apr. 1 (SSM)- City photo-journalist S.R. Madhusudan has won seven gold medals at the 'El Dorado Circuit 2023 (Digital)' International-level Photography Competition organised jointly by JSP, Foto Soul and Photography Society of America (PSA), recently at Kolkata in West Bengal.

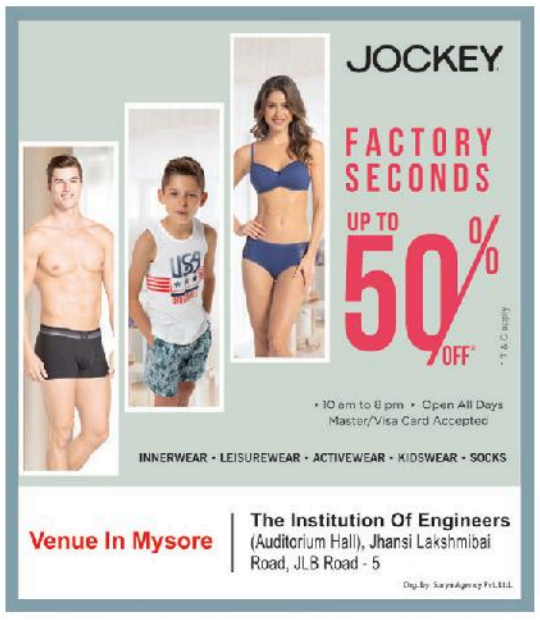


Madhusudan

Madhusudan, who is also a wildlife photographer, bagged three gold medals in Photo-Journalism category and four Gold medals in Wildlife category.

He has got four Foto Soul Medals for his picture of 'Ready to Attack,' two Juries' Choice Medals for his picture of 'Capture' and one Circuit Gold Medal for his picture of 'Spotted Deer Mating.'

Photographers from across the world including USA, Russia, Singapore, Taiwan, Italy, South Korea, Japan, Canada, Germany etc., had taken part in the photography contest.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WALK -IN INTERVIEW

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for the post of Lecturers

01	English	02
02	Physics	01
03	Computer Science	01
04	Accountancy	01

Post-graduates with B.Ed. preferred.
Submit the resume by **3rd April** either in person or send to the mail Id: **gsipucmysore@gmail.com**

Walk-in Interview on 04th April at 10.30 am
For details contact: 9620228187, 9620228173

SITUATION VACANT

A well established manufacturing company based in Mysore has vacancies for the following key positions as a part of their expansion projects.

■ Designer

Job Description & Qualifications

- Graduates/Diploma holders with relevant experience in signage and retail industry.
- Capable of handling the designs from proposal to approvals independently.
- Create interesting and in-trend designs based on customer briefs, ability to understand the requirements and deliver accordingly.
- Adaptations, new design creations & team-work are the key requirements.
- Understanding production requirements and giving necessary output files & formats.
- Proficiency in Adobe and Corel software is a must. 3D design experience will be given preference.
- 1-2 years of relevant experience.

■ HR Executive

Job Description & Qualifications

- Graduates with 3-5 years experience as HR executive in any manufacturing industry.
- Capable of handling routine HR works independently including Payroll process.
- Recruitment and hiring of personnel as when required.
- Handling legal and statutory requirements of the company.
- Maintain punctuality and attendance.
- Create safe work environment.

Interested candidates may send their resume to:
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WALK-IN INTERVIEW

A WALK-IN-INTERVIEW will be conducted for the following posts. Candidates should produce Curriculum Vitae and a Xerox copy of all marks card and other relevant testimonials along with the Application. Candidates are required to be present Half an Hour before the timings mentioned below for Registration and verification of documents. Applications are invited from the qualified candidates for the following posts in our various institutions.

Name of the Institution	Subject	No. of Post	Post Vacant	Eligibility	Date & Time of Interview with venue
SBRR MAHAJANA FIRST GRADE COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) For any queries please contact 0821-2512065	BCA	07	Full Time	The minimum qualification for the post of Assistant Professor is Postgraduate degree from any recognized university in the concerned subject, with a minimum of 55% aggregate marks with NET/SLET/Ph.D and preferably have teaching experience in Degree Colleges.	**10-04-2023 at 10:30 AM** at SBRR Mahajana First Grade College (Autonomous), Jayalakshmipuram, Mysuru-12
	Computer Science	01	Full Time		
	Biotechnology	01	Full Time		
MAHAJANA PUBLIC SCHOOL For any queries please contact 0821-2412524	English with Social Science	02	Full Time	M.A. with B.Ed.	**08-04-2023 at 10:30 AM at** Mahajana Public School, Jayalakshmipuram, Mysuru-12

Sd/- Dr. B.R. Jayakumari, Principal-MFGC
Sd/- Smt. Rajeshwari Iyer, Principal-CBSE
Sd/- Dr. T. Vijayalakshmi Muralidhar, Hon. Secretary
Sd/- Sri. T. Muralidhar Bhagavat, President

NEWS BRIEFS

Police Flag Day celebrations

Mysuru City Police has organised Police Flag Day celebrations at CAR Parade Grounds in city at 8 am tomorrow (Apr. 2). IGP (retd.) K.T. Balakrishna will be the chief guest.

Free basketball coaching camp

Young Challengers Sports Club, #609/1, 8th Cross, Veene Seshanna Road, K.R. Mohalla, will be holding free basketball coaching camp for those in the age group of 8-18 years from Apr. 5. For details, contact Mob: 93422-41291.

Water Service Control Room

In order to provide solution to the drinking water woes in rural areas, a Water Service (Jalaseva) Control Room has been set up at the Mysuru Taluk Centre. Public can contact the Control Room on Ph: 0821-2414433, according to Taluk Panchayat Executive Officer.

Admission for Children's Home

Chamundi Children's Home, Brindavan Extension, has invited entries from boys aged between 6 and 13 years to fill up the vacancies. Children belonging to economically weaker section are eligible to apply. They will be provided food, shelter, education materials, hygiene kits, uniform, clothes and healthcare free of cost. Hot water facility along with separate cots and beds will be provided in well-maintained dormitories. [Ph: 0821-2511141].

Ph.D awardee

B.P. Deepu has been awarded Ph.D in Geography by the University of Mysore (UoM) for her thesis titled 'Problems and Prospects of Development of Solar Energy Resource in Mandya District — A Geographical Analysis' submitted under the guidance Dr. H. Kamala.

WATER LEVEL

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	**2,859.00**	feet
Today	:	**2,822.44**	feet
Inflow	:	**42**	cusecs
Outflow	:	**100**	cusecs

JK Tyre gives a new lease of life to Alanahalli Lake

Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda seen with JK Tyre team during the Lake handing-over ceremony.

Mysuru, Apr. 1 (BCT)- The lakes of Mysuru, many of which are on the verge of disappearance including the ones in the heart of the city, thanks to the neglect of authorities, can now expect to be revived by the industry under their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative. JK Tyre & Industries Ltd., one of India's largest and prestigious Tyre Manufacturing Companies having three manufacturing plants in Mysuru and one state-of-the-art R&D Centre at Metagalli and Hebbal Industrial Area, has rejuvenated the long-neglected Alanahalli Lake.

The Alanahalli Lake is called Sarkarikatte by local villagers and it was in a bad shape due to the dumping of garbage, encroachment and silt accumulation over many decades. The Alanahalli Gram Panchayat had approached JK Tyre to rejuvenate the Lake. It is a small ephemeral waterbody with a 2.16-acre catchment area on T. Narasipur Road off the Outer Ring Road. In this background, the JK Tyre has rejuvenated the lake in coordination with the District Administration and NGO MYKAPS, which was the project implementing agency.

The beautification works, including stone pitching, fencing, walk pathway, lighting, water pipeline installation, seating arrangement, greenery maintenance, etc., were done under the CSR initiative of JK Tyre & Industries Ltd., Vikrant Tyre Plant, Mysuru.

This project was started in February 2022 and now that the Lake has got a new lease of life, it has been handed over to the Alanahalli Gram Panchayat.

The handing-over ceremony was held on Mar. 28 in the presence of Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy and the senior management team of JK Tyre. Other government officials along with local welfare committee members were present.

According to Vice-President - Works, JK Tyre & Industries Ltd., Vikrant Tyre Plant, Mysuru V. Eswara Rao, the company has always believed in giving back to society. "Our CSR motto is to empower individuals and build societal prosperity. Water is critical to our business and priority at JK Tyre and therefore, we work closely with the community and other stakeholders for water resource management," he said. "The company has given top priority to watershed development activities and rejuvenation of lakes as part of its CSR activities. Watershed development activities would help improve the groundwater table and also ease the drinking water crisis," he added.

Coconut shells with food, water for birds, animals

Mysuru, Apr. 1 (SBD&BS)- With the onset of summer, good Samaritans in the city have started feeding water to animals and birds by hanging coconut shells from the trees.

Corporator B.V. Manjunath launched the initiative taken up jointly by Rotaract Mysore and Ambari Organisation, by hanging coconut shells from the trees at Ward No. 51 on Thursday.

Keeping food and water in plastic bowls and other containers by tying them to trees is common. But using coconut shells for the same purpose, that otherwise goes to waste, assume significance. As it (coconut shell) is a natural waste, the squirrels and other animals and birds can be fed food and water without any fear, so is the intention behind very initiative.

While we humans have a system to fetch water at our own comfort, it is indeed a sacred job to feed food and water to the animals which even struggle for a drop of water during summer. We should also ensure that the water is not kept for long in the coconut shells, as it may increase the number of insects that spread viruses.

Obituary

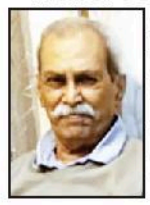
M.G. Mahesh

Mysuru, Apr. 1- M.G. Mahesh (40), Manager of JP Palace, owner of Aprameya Resort, son of P. Govindaraju and a resident of Century Park Layout, passed away here yesterday following a heart attack.

He leaves behind his parents, wife Sowmya, two children (Chanakya and Jathashya) and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

Col. Madeyanda C. Appanna (Rtd.)



Retired Col. Madeyanda C. Appanna (Rajappa), son of late M. K. Chengappa and a resident of KHB Colony, Hootagalli, Mysuru, passed away yesterday. A native of Ballamavati in Napoklu, Kodagu, he was 80.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Muktidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage this noon.

Mir Muthaher Zaidi

Alijanab Mir Muthaher Zaidi (60), a buisness man, passed away yesterday at his residence in Rajivnagar 2nd Stage here after brief illness.

Father-in-law of Mir Jaffar Hussain, Gen. Secretary, Youth Congress, Mysuru, he is survived by his wife, two sons, three daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was held today after Zohar at Masjid-e-Jaffaria on Akbar Road, followed by burial at Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

Vijayendra sets condition for contest in Varuna

City BJP workers receiving State BJP Vice-President B.Y. Vijayendra on his arrival in Mysuru yesterday.

Bengaluru, Apr. 1 (KMS&DM)- Even as the BJP High Command is mulling on fielding Karnataka BJP Vice-President B.Y. Vijayendra from Varuna Assembly segment in Mysuru district to take on Opposition leader and Congress stalwart Siddharamaiah, Vijayendra , who is the son of former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa (BSY), is said to have told the party top brass that he may opt to contest from Varuna only if he is allowed to contest from his home Constituency Shikaripura too.

The BJP top brass along with RSS leaders reportedly met here late into night yesterday to finalise the list of BJP candidates for the May 10 polls. The meeting is said to have seriously discussed the possibility of fielding Vijayendra from Varuna, when Vijayendra is said to have told them that he would contest from Varuna only if he is given the party ticket from Shikaripura in Shivamogga district too.

Vijayendra is also said to have informed the High Command that the people of Shikaripura are forcing him to contest from that Constituency after his father BSY has given up due to age considerations. The BJP leaders in turn are said to have advised Vijayendra that the Party top brass at Delhi would take the final call in the matter.

'I will contest from Varuna if top brass asks me'

Meanwhile, State BJP Vice-President B.Y. Vijayendra, who was in Mysuru yesterday, said that the BJP High Command would decide on whether he would contest from Varuna or Shikaripura or both.

Addressing party workers at a private hotel here yesterday, Vijayendra said that his father B.S. Yediyurappa has already declared that he would not contest from Shikaripura. In this backdrop, the party cadre in Shikaripura has been urging him to contest from Shikaripura.

"My father Yediyurappa has declared that his son Vijayendra would contest from Shikaripura. Hence I am touring all villages of Shikaripura. Also, the BJP High Command has given me responsibilities of certain key Morchas of the party with the countdown for the Assembly polls having already begun. Since then, I have been extensively touring the State. I am ready to contest from the seat that the party gives me the ticket," Vijayendra said.

"The party workers of Varuna who want me to contest from there need not feel disappointed or get confused. The party workers must concentrate on strengthening the party at booth-level," he said adding that the party workers of Varuna Constituency from where former CM Siddharamaiah is contesting on a Congress ticket, must gear up to ensure the victory of the BJP candidate, whoever he may be.

BSY rules out Vijayendra's contest from two Constituencies

Former Chief Minister and BJP stalwart B.S. Yediyurappa (BSY), who too made a visit to Mysuru yesterday, said that whatever the suggestion of the BJP High Command may be, his son B.Y. Vijayendra would not forego Shikaripura Constituency, which he (BSY) represented for decades.

B.S. Yediyurappa addressing media in city yesterday as MLA S.A. Ramdas and BJP leader H.V. Rajeev look on.

Speaking to presspersons yesterday, BSY said though party workers of Varuna are pressurising Vijayendra to contest from there, his son would prefer to contest from Shikaripura and even he too has told him to get prepared to contest from Shikaripura.

Pointing out that he has represented Shikaripura Assembly segment for decades and has earned a lot of love and affection of the people, BSY categorically ruled out Vijayendra's contest from two Constituencies. As such there need not be any further debates on his son's contest from Varuna, he maintained adding that the party would field a strong candidate from Varuna.

Yediyurappa's statement is a complete U-turn that comes just a day after he (BSY) had said that Vijayendra was ready to contest from Varuna to take on former CM Siddharamaiah.

I am ready to take on anyone in Varuna: Siddharamaiah

Siddharamaiah

Bengaluru, Apr. 1- With the ruling BJP planning to field State BJP Vice-President B.Y. Vijayendra, the son of former Chief Minister and Lingayat strongman B.S. Yediyurappa from Varuna Assembly segment in Mysuru district, former Chief Minister and senior Congress leader Siddharamaiah, who is contesting on a Congress ticket, asserted that he was ready to take on anyone in Varuna Constituency.

Speaking to presspersons here yesterday, Siddharamaiah said that he would welcome anyone who likes to contest against him in Varuna, his home Constituency.

Asserting that the people of Varuna were ready to bless him, he said he would not be scared by the contest of Vijayendra or even his father B.S. Yediyurappa.

Maintaining that the BJP would not win more than 60 seats in the May 10 Assembly polls, Siddharamaiah asserted that the Congress would return to power on its own strength and there was no doubt regarding this.

He further said that the Congress does not see any threat from any of the political parties, on its prospects of winning the assembly polls with a comfortable majority.

Unidentified man dies in road mishap

Mysuru, Apr. 1- An unidentified man was found dead after he was fatally knocked down by a motor cycle while he was crossing the Mysuru-Manandavadi road near Hotel Patel Gardenia on the night of Mar. 28.

The man is aged about 30-35 years, medium built, oily complexioned, oval faced and has a green coloured tattoo mentioning the name Praveena on his left hand. He wore a red coloured jerkin and a purple coloured T-Shirt with flower design.

The kith and kin, if any, may call Ph: 0821-2520040 or 2444800 or 2444955, according to a press release issued by the Mysuru South Police.

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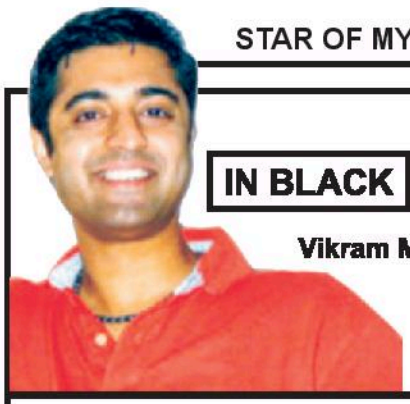

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Vikram Muthanna

Congress, seek Indian Voters' Validation, NOT Western Nations'

Rahul Gandhi delivering a lecture at Cambridge University, England.

Former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru with Viceroy of India Mountbatten.

The Cuban people have a saying, given to them by José Martí, a Cuban literary figure: *"Our wine may be bitter, but it's our wine."* Meaning our government may not be perfect, but it is ours.

Similarly, Indian Democracy has flaws, but it is our problem. All democracies have flaws, even the western ones and like most mature democracies, we Indians will work it out amongst ourselves. We have done it often using our best tool — universal adult franchise — our vote.

We, the Indian people, have nurtured and protected our democracy successfully for 75 years. We don't need foreign assistance to protect our democracy. Unfortunately, the Congress party doesn't think so.

Does the Congress party think India is a "Successful" democracy and a "True" democracy only when Congress is in power? Because the moment any other party comes to power, they scream to the world, "Democracy is dead in India." Even if the non-Congress government has come to power through democratic means!

Senior Congress leaders seem to have an unhealthy obsession with the validation and certification of western nations. Western governments exploit this lousy habit of Congress to embarrass India and be condescending towards us.

Since Rahul Gandhi's disqualification, two nations have made statements about it! While the US Spokesperson stated that the State Department was "following the issue," the German Foreign Ministry Spokesperson overstepped.

The German Spokesperson tweeted: *"We have taken note of the verdict of first instance against Indian Opposition politician Rahul Gandhi as well as the suspensions of his Parliamentary mandate… To our knowledge, Mr. Gandhi is in a position to appeal the verdict. It will then become clear whether this verdict will stand and whether the suspension of his mandate has any basis."*

What audacity! What does the German Spokesperson mean when she says Germany has "taken note"? Take note and do what?

Did the Indian Foreign Ministry Spokesperson tweet, *"We have taken note that racism has increased substantially in Germany"* soon after the German Federal Commissioner for Anti-Racism stated: "Racism poses a threat to Germany's democracy"?

Do we need certification from Germany, a nation that gave us the first genocide of the 20th century when they killed 1.3 lakh Namibians? Should we seek certification from a country that, during World War I, was the first nation to use poisonous gas as a weapon? Do we, a nation that has never waged war, take advice from Germany, who gave the world two World Wars, concentration camps and gas chambers?

Well, Congress leaders think so.

Senior Congress leader Digvijay Singh said, *"Thank you, German Foreign Affairs Ministry, for taking note of how Democracy is being compromised in India through the persecution of Rahul Gandhi."*

We wonder why Digvijay Singh or the Congress party didn't question Germany's security for minorities being compromised when a 24-year-old Indian student's tongue was slashed in a racist attack in Bonn in 2012 when Congress ruled India?

Can Congress please ask the German Spokesperson how they handle their rising internal violence? Last year, German Police recorded almost 24,000 far-right-wing crimes, the highest level in 20 years. Crimes ranged from displaying Nazi symbols and anti-semitic remarks to physical attacks and murder.

It's time the Congress party stopped seeking foreign intervention in India's internal matters. Has Congress not learnt what happened when Nehru, to impress the Englishman Mountbatten, went to the UN with the Kashmir issue? We are still suffering today for it.

Doesn't Congress know that any nation that has allowed western intervention in its internal politics has been ruined? From Pakistan to the Middle East, from Venezuela to Vietnam? Wherever the west gets involved in the name of democracy, there is barely any instead there is a puppet show or a trail of death and debt.

Rahul Gandhi needs to stop doing what his grandfather did — trying to impress the white man. Rahul has made a habit of this.

In 2009, Rahul Gandhi, who was then an MP from Amethi, pedalled "poverty tourism" when he told British Foreign Secretary David Miliband during a visit to a Dalit family's home in rural Amethi that this was the 'real India'.

Is only poverty the "Real India"? If it is, then it is a reflection of Rahul Gandhi's family's incompetence and his party's failure to get us out of poverty. That is why people voted them out, which is proof democracy is working in India.

In 2021 in his virtual interaction with former US Under Secretary of State and Harvard University Professor Nicholas Burns, Rahul Gandhi criticised the BJP for the "wholesale capture of State institutions" and questioned why the US was silent over what was happening in India!

Rahul Gandhi was asking why the US is not fixing an Indian problem! Also, misuse of institutions is NOT exclusive to BJP. Congress has done it for 50 years. Did any leader from the Opposition parties run to the United States asking them why they are silent about it? NO.

More recently Rahul, after the Bharat Jodo Yatra, trimmed his beard and went to England to speak about the "attack on democracy in India" when he should have been talking to his party workers in North East who were lost without leadership and eventually lost the election.

We need to stop seeking validation from the west. My wine may be bitter, but it is my wine. We must critique our government and its policies, but we do it in Parliament and with our own people. We must mobilise people to protest when we feel a government misuses institutions. We must debate and argue with our fellow citizens to make better policies. These are all acts of patriotism as they build a better nation.

But, running to a white man to complain about one's own country, displays a lack of self-esteem and a subservient mindset.

The Congress party must realise the future of Congress is not in the halls of Western Universities but in the voting booths of India.

The future of Congress is not in the hands of Western Professors, intellectuals or Spokespersons. It is in the hands of Indians, so seek our validation and certification. It is the Indian voter who will help you win elections, not western nations.

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Poll duty: Two platoons of paramilitary forces coming to Mysuru tomorrow

City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh inspecting the record at a check-post last night.

Mysuru, Apr. 1 (RK&BS)- With the elections to State Legislative Assembly fixed on May 10, the security measures in the city will be intensified further, with two platoons of paramilitary forces arriving here tomorrow (Apr.2). They will be joined by one more platoon on Apr.3, taking the total number of platoons being deployed to the city alone to three.

Sources told *Star of Mysore* this morning that "Each platoon consisting of 90 paramilitary personnel, totalling 270 from three platoons, will be arriving in the city tomorrow. In all, eight platoons are expected, with five among them to be deployed at the district level."

In view of the arrival of paramilitary forces, accommodation and other arrangements are being made on a brisk pace. After a day's rest, they will be reporting to field duty following day (Apr.3). The paramilitary forces will be posted along with Law & Order Police and Traffic Police on election-related duties, like conducting inspections at the check-posts on the Highways and inter-State borders to keep a tab on election-related irregularities, if any.

Besides, they will also be posted at sensitive and hyper-sensitive areas like Udayagiri, Mandi Mohalla and surrounding localities. In the coming days, route marches will also be taken out to instil confidence among the people to stand guard during any emergency.

Night rounds

The City Police, who are also not leaving any stone unturned on security front ahead of the elections, conducted a night round yesterday from 11 pm till 5 am today. From Police Commissioner B. Ramesh to DCP (Law and Order) M. Muthuraj and DCP (Crime and Traffic) S. Jahnavi and Inspectors of all the Police Stations in the city, all were on night patrolling.

Barring minor recoveries, no major seizures were reported during the patrol, sources added.

'Keep close watch on suspicious movements and activities'

Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra holds poll-related meeting with officials

Mysuru, Apr.1- As countdown for Assembly elections has begun, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. K.V. Rajendra has directed officials to keep a watch on suspicious movements and activities of strangers.

Speaking after presiding over a meeting at his Office here this morning, Dr. Rajendra, who is also the District Electoral Officer, directed the officials to set up surveillance centres at Bus Stands, Railway Station and other busy public joints.

Bus stands

He directed the KSRTC officials to remove posters and paintings on buses displaying Government programmes and advertisements. He also asked them to set up check-posts at City Bus stand and Sub-urban Bus Stand in order to keep vigil on suspicious persons.

The KSRTC officials must tutor the Drivers and Conductors on keeping a tab on any suspicious activities or movements.

Railway Stations

Coming to the vigil at Railway Stations, the DC said that Station officials must be extra alert during departure and arrival of trains coming from different destinations. Also, the officials must have a round-the-clock surveillance mechanism in place at the Railway Stations, which is visited by lakhs of passengers from across the country.

Mysore Airport

Referring to vigilance at Mysore Airport at Mandakalli, the DC said that flying squad must be deployed at the Airport in order to keep a close watch on inbound and outbound fliers.

Continuing, the DC said that those who are engaged in poll duties cannot stay away from casting their votes. Stressing on the need for ensuring maximum participation in the democratic electoral process, he said that all Government servants and their family members must not miss out on voting for any reason and also to ensure cent percent voting in all booths.

MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy, ZP CEO K.M.Gayathri, Additional DC Kavita Rajaram, Assistant Commissioner Kamala Bai and other officials were present.

Hike in toll revoked at same speed

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According to the previous order issued by NHAI, the revised toll that was scheduled to be effective from today was as follows:

One-way journey in car, van and jeep - Rs. 165 (increased by Rs.30); Two-way journey - Rs. 250 (hiked by Rs.45)

LMV, mini bus - Rs. 270 (hiked by Rs. 50; Two-way journey - Rs. 405 (hiked by Rs. 75); Truck, bus (2-axle) - Rs. 565 (hiked by Rs. 165); Two-way journey- Rs. 850 (hiked by Rs.160) 3-axle commercial vehicle- Rs. 615 (hiked by Rs.115); Two-way journey- Rs. 925 (hiked by Rs. 225).

Heavy construction machinery/ earth moving equipment/ MAV (4 to 6 axle) - Rs.885 (hiked by Rs.165); Two-way journey-Rs.1,330 (hiked by Rs. 250).

Oversized vehicles (7 or more axle) - Rs.1, 080 (hiked by Rs. 200); Two-way journey - Rs. 1,620 (hiked by Rs.305).

Though the works remain incomplete on the total stretch of the Expressway, toll was introduced amid heavy protests from Mar.14, but the increase in toll by 18 days, a rise of 22 percent had yet again evoked sharp criticism from all the quarters.

Even Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha was unhappy with the decision to hike the toll within a short span and had written to the Ministry concerned to revoke the decision at least for now.

"As per prevailing norms, the toll is revised at all the Expressways in the country, at the beginning of new financial year. Accordingly, the toll is revised on Mysuru- Bengaluru Expressway too, which has turned into a bane. I have written to the Ministry and the response is awaited," Simha had said while reacting to the decision to hike the toll.

DC inaugurates Summer Carnival

The two-day Mysuru Santhe Summer Carnival was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra at Maharaja's College Grounds in Mysuru this morning. The Summer Carnival, which will be held today and tomorrow between 11 am and 9 pm, features four-wheelers, two-wheelers, homemade products, fashion accessories, traditional, contemporary, bridal clothing, beverages, sarees, terracotta jewellery, food products, snacks, mocktails, ice-creams kids activities & more. Organiser Bharath Gowda. Pooja Joshi, Snehal Igoor, Karthik Mahesh, Smitha Balu and Ramya Gowda were present during the inaugural. Entry fee for the Summer Carnival is Rs. 50.

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'Bhoomika Bhavaikya Mahila Siri' awards presented to women achievers

Mysuru, Apr. 1 (SPN&TRR)- Marking International Women's Day, Bharatiya Samskrutika Vikasa Vedike, Lions Club of Bengaluru, Sandalwood Celebrities, The Atria Boutique Hotel, Sri Talacauvery Mahila Shikshana Trust and Bhoomika Bhavaikya Balaga, had organised a function to present 'Bhoomika Bhavaikya Mahila Siri' awards to women achievers for their achievements in their chosen fields. The event was held at Jaganmohan Palace in city on Monday.

Writer and Poetess Dr. Latha Rajashekar presented the award to Government Assistant Public Prosecutor of Mysuru JMFC Court Sandhya Manjunath, Nayanakumar Hospital's Dr. Kavitha Surya, Kaiyamballi Primary Health Centre Health Officer P.B. Jhansi and Trustee of Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill Savitha Ghatge.

Speaking after presenting the awards, Dr. Latha Rajashekar said that at present women have identified themselves in all fields and are contributing to the nation's progress.

"Women need more opportunities in the society for their empowerment. It is commendable that achievers from social, legal and health sectors were identified and the awards were presented to them."

Prior to this, 'Rajamate Kempa Cheluvajamanni Mahadwara' was inaugurated by District BJP Mahila Morcha City President Hema Nandish.

'Sharane Akkamahadevi' Auditorium was inaugurated by Women Sportsperson Rukmini Chandran and 'Veerarani Kittur Channamma Kalamantapa' was inaugurated by Bharatiya Samskrutika Vikasa Vedike Honorary President Dr. Nalini Thammaiah.

President of WISE (Women In Small Enterprise) T.A. Vasantha Kumari, entrepreneurs Ratna Shekar & Chaya Nanjappa, Vedike Hon. President Dr. B.S. Geetha Ganesh, Rajappa, Ln. Girish, Lions Club of Mysore Golden City Zone President T. Suresh, Thinker Indira Venkatesh and others were present during the occasion.

Theatre should not become a chessboard for political parties: Theatre activist

Mysuru, Apr. 1 (SPN&TRR)- Senior theatre activist and former Director of National School of Drama (NSD), Bengaluru, C. Basavalingaiah has said that theatre should not become a chessboard for political parties. Instead, it should act like a mirror to the society and become a platform to project social issues.

He was speaking at the valedictory function of 'Mysuru Ranga Habba' held at Kiru Rangamandira in Kalamandira premises in city on Monday.

"Theatre should act as a mirror to the society and should offer solutions to the problems faced by the society apart from correcting mistakes," he opined.

Continuing, he said that the modern plays, instead of projecting the real issues are projecting old time history. Artistes are donning roles, applying make-up and lending their voices. But none of them are becoming a part of the society. Actor should surrender himself to the character he plays. Theatre should portray daily incidents that are happening in the society, the former NSD Director advised the young directors.

Observing that violence has become the principle of present Democracy, Basavalingaiah said that the youths are moving towards unrest and are becoming victims of colourful ploys. "Tools are being given to destroy peace in Karnataka which is regarded as 'Sarva Janangada Shantiya Thota.' Recently, a seed of poison called "Uri-Nanju" is being sown. We all need to destroy it and in its place we should spread love for all religions," Basavalingaiah concluded .

Senior theatre activist Indira Nair, who also spoke on the occasion, said that she has unending love for theatre and wanted all Mysuru Amateur Theatre groups to stage dramas for 20-25 days in the future annual celebrations of 'Ranga Habba' where experiments with new plays should be given priority.

"Of late, all amateur troupes are experimenting with old plays. This should be decreased slightly and priority should be given to new plays and to the thoughts of new playwrights. I am sad to see the ideologies of the theatre are sliding slowly. We have to find reasons for this and arrest this slide. We all need to commit ourselves to promote and preserve the theatre," said Indira Nair.

Assistant Director of Kannada and Culture Department Dr. M.D. Sudarshan, District Amateur Theatre Activists Forum President Suresh Babu, Secretary Dr. H.M. Kumaraswamy, 'Mysuru Ranga Habba' Convenor Deepak and others were present at the function.

Later, drama 'Bekagiddare,' written by Beluru Krishnamurthy, was staged which won the appreciation of the audience.

A soulful recital

Vidu. Jayanthi Kumaresh presenting a veena recital at 'Sangeethotsava - 2023,' a series of concerts organised as part of 133rd anniversary of Sri Ramothsava celebrations by Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Public Charitable Trust at Alamma's Choultry in Srirampet on Mar. 30. She is accompanied by Vid. Anantha R. Krishnan on mridanga and Vid. Guruprasanna on kanjira.

By Padmavathi Narasimhan

On the inaugural day of the Ramothsava series at Alamma's Choultry, Vidu. Jayanthi Kumaresh performed with Vid. Anantha R. Krishnan on mridanga and Vid. Guruprasanna on kanjira.

An artiste of repute, a collaborator, a creator, a composer, a researcher, a pioneer and an educator, Jayanthi Kumaresh has dedicated her life to the art form of veena playing for more than two-and-a-half decades.

Her concert at Alamma's Choultry, organised by Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha, Srirampet, stood out for its melodic shades in its diverse dimensions.

Jayanthi's method of playing is akin to that of her Guru S. Balachander, a legendary veena artiste. The 'Balachander Bani' that she has adapted, of playing many notes at a stretch with a single 'Meetu' is very appealing and catchy. Each of the presentations was loaded with melody.

Jayanthi took off on a brilliant note with a varnam in Natakuranji 'Chalamela jese' by Mulaivittu Rangasami Nattuvanar followed by Muthiah Bhagavatar's 'Gam Ganapate Namo Namo' in Hamsadhwani, for which she knitted elegant and crisp swaras.

Latangi and Kharaharapriya exuded a soothing feel, touching the inner recess of hearts letting the audience stay afloat in musical delight. While her conversational mode binds her to the audience, Jayanthi takes utmost care never to disappoint them. The lively pace of 'Aparadhamulanu manninchi' (Tyagaraja, Latangi, Adi) kept the percussionists engaged with the sarvalaghu swara patterns with no interval, concluding with a good but not-too-complicated muktaya. 'Every phrase in Tyagaraja's 'Samanamevaru' generated a typical soft and flowing feel of elegant music.

The second half of the concert included a short but beautiful RTP in Hamsanada set to Mishra Chapu. The interesting part of the RTP was the ragamalike tanam in Saveri, Reetigowla, Malayamaruta excellently played with gradually increasing speed. The pallavi was a swara pallavi (perhaps Jayanthi likes to knit swara pallavis rather than sahitya pallavi as seen in many of her concerts), 'rmpnS RMPNS R,M,P,N,S,' wherein the artiste again played the kalpanaswaras in the same ragas chosen for the tanam, which was a welcome technique that pleased the listeners.

Anantha Krishnan's singing rhythm captured the listeners throughout the concert. His taniyavartanam along with Guruprasanna was replete with energetic and buoyant styles.

The end pieces of the concert included 'Atu karadani balka' by Tyagaraja and a tillana in kapi.

Vocal recital at Bidaram Krishnappa's Mandira

Vidu. Aishwarya Vidya Raghunath presenting vocal recital at Ganavisharadha Shri Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira in Devaraja Mohalla last evening as part of the 107th Ramanavami Annual Heritage Music Festival. She is accompanied by Vidu. Aditi Krishnaprakash on violin, Vid. B.S. Prashanth on mridanga and Vid. S. Manjunath on ghata.

28th Annual Convocation of SDM-IMD held

Setbacks in professional life should not demoralise us: Entrepreneur Ganesh

Medal-winners are seen with Dr. D. Veerendra Heggade, Chairman of SDM-IMD, who is flanked by Dr. N.R. Parasuraman (left), Director, SDM-IMD and L. Ganesh, Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Rane Holdings.

Mysuru, Apr. 1- "We should not be demoralised by the setbacks in our professional lives. We must remember that failure is the stepping stone to success and move forward," advised Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Rane Holdings L. Ganesh while delivering the Convocation address at the 28th Annual Convocation of Sri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Institute for Management and Development (SDM-IMD), held at the institute premises in city's Siddarthanagar, on Wednesday last.

"College life and professional life are different and we need to correct our mistakes and move forward. Anybody who is willing to learn new things will emerge as a strong leader. We should not be demoralised by failures in professional life and must remember that failure is the stepping stone for success. Working as part of a team is one of the basic necessities of present professional life. When we allow others to emerge as successful employees, we also get its benefit and help us to go higher up in the hierarchy. Never go after shortcuts to achieve success. It is not permanent," cautioned the CMD.

"Present corporate world expect the leadership to think about a problem from all angles and offer solutions to it. SDM-IMD is preparing its students in this direction," he added.

Dr. D. Veerendra Heggade, Chairman of SDM-IMD and Rajya Sabha Member, in his presidential address, said that determination and the right attitude are essential to become successful in professional life and we are working hard to inculcate these traits in our students.

"It is our wish that our students should uphold Indian values and ethics in their organisation and proprietary establishments. Higher education is witnessing significant changes and the National Education Policy announced by the Union Government has effectively encouraged students to pursue higher education. SDM-IMD has competed 28 years of its existence and is moving towards our goal of total excellence. Since its inception, the Post-Graduate Diploma Course which is recognised by All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) is going on with strict high level educational discipline," concluded Dr. Heggade.

At the Convocation, 165 students were awarded Post Graduate Diploma in Management. CMD L. Ganesh presented Gold Medals to **K.S. Sharath Ankur Gupta** for his achievement in Finance and **Vishal Sharma** for his achievement in Marketing. **Suman Narayan** of Human Resources Management and **N.C. Priyadarshini** were conferred with the Chairman's distinguished Gold Medal for Best Academic Achievement.

In addition, **S. Guru Pranesh** was conferred with the Gold Medal for his performance in Systems and for Best Overall Performance.

SDM-IMD Vice-President D. Surendrakumar, Director Dr. N.R. Parasuraman, Deputy Director S.N. Prasad, Administrative Officer Dr. M.V. Sunil, Administrative Board Members Prof. Indira, Mutturam, Venkatanarayanan and Bhima Metri were present.

Yappes Technologies bag BCIC Emerging Stars Runner Up Award

Yappes Technologies Private Limited, a startup from Mysuru, has bagged the Bangalore Chamber of Industry & Commerce (BCIC) Emerging Stars Runner Up Award in the Beyond Bangalore category, for Yappes, the modern technology platform for APIs crucial for Enterprises and Government/s. The award was presented at a function held in Bengaluru on Mar. 18. Yappes Technologies Pvt. Ltd. CEO Madhusudhan Jain (second from left) and Co-Founder Bhanu Kumar Jain (third from right) are seen receiving the award from President and CEO of Continental India Prashanth Doreswamy as BCIC Senior Vice-President Dr. S. Devarajan (extreme left), BCIC President Dr. L. Ravindran, BCIC Past President T.R. Parsuraman and BCIC Vice-President Vineet Verma look on. Yappes is a global platform that was conceived and developed in Mysuru and is part of Startup Karnataka and Make in India.

Cycle Pure Agarbathi ITF Mysuru Open 2023

Britain's Loffhagen to take on Australian Ellis in finals

Mysuru's Prajwal Dev goes down in semis

George Loffhagen

Blake Ellis

Mysuru, Apr. 1- Mysuru's S.D. Prajwal Dev, representing India, lost in the Singles semi-finals of the Cycle Pure Agarbathi ITF Mysuru Open 2023 at the Mysore Tennis Club (MTC) this morning.

In the semi-finals, unseeded George Loffhagen of Britain continued his winning spree in the tournament, beating Prajwal Dev 7-5, 6-4.

Earlier in the quarter-finals played yesterday, Prajwal Dev showed immense tenacity in carving a 1-6, 7-5, 7-6 (4) win over compatriot Mukund Sasikumar to waltz into the Singles semi-finals. Mysuru lad Prajwal, a World No. 1027, came as the underdog against fourth seeded Mukund, a World No. 401, but dished out a performance that masked the difference in ranking.

The USD 25,000 event is being hosted by the Karnataka State Lawn Tennis Association (KSLTA).

In another Singles semi-finals played today, Australia's 8th seed Ellis Blake beat 2nd seed Oliver Crawford of USA 7-5, 6-3.

In the Singles finals to be held tomorrow, Ellis Blake will take on George Loffhagen.

DOUBLES

In the Doubles played yesterday, top-seeded Indian pair of B. Rithvik Choudary and Niki Poonacha strolled past fourth seeds and compatriots Parikshit Somani and Manish Sureshkumar 6-3, 6-3 to enter the final.

Later, Mukund Sasikumar made up for his defeat in Singles when he, along with Vishnu Vardhan, reached the Doubles semi-finals, defeating Indian duo Faisal Qamar and Fardeen Quamar 7-6 (7), 3-6, 10-7 in the quarter-final match that was carried over from Thursday.

The semi-final match of Mukund Sasikumar & Vishnu Vardhan Vs Vladyslav Orlov & Blake Ellis was underway today when we went to the Press.

TODAY'S RESULTS (1 pm)
SINGLES (SEMI-FINALS)

George Loffhagen **BEAT** S.D. Prajwal Dev	7-5, 6-4
Ellis Blake **BEAT** Oliver Crawford	7-5, 6-3

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
SINGLES (QUARTER-FINALS)

S.D. Prajwal Dev **BEAT** Mukund Sasikumar	1-6, 7-5, 7-6 (4)
Oliver Crawford **BEAT** Florent Bax	6-4, 6-0
George Loffhagen **BEAT** Karan Singh	7-6 (4), 6-3
Ellis Blake **BEAT** Orlov Vladyslav	7-6 (4), 6-4

DOUBLES (QUARTER-FINALS)
(Carried over from Thursday)

Mukund Sasikumar & Vishnu Vardhan **BEAT** Faisal Qamar & Fardeen Quamar (IND)	7-6 (7), 3-6, 10-7

DOUBLES (SEMI-FINALS)

B. Rithvik Choudary & Niki Poonacha BEATS Parikshit Somani & Manish Sureshkumar	6-3, 6-3

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https://live.itftennis.com/en/live-streams/

WORD OF THE DAY

Zany

Pronunciation: ZAY-nee.
Meaning: A zany is a person who acts like a buffoon to amuse others, or one who is generally foolish or eccentric. Zany also refers to a type of clown or acrobat in old comedies.
Origin: The oddballs among us are likely familiar with zany as an adjective, meaning "eccentric." But did you know the word originated as a noun — one that has withstood the test of time? Zanies have been theatrical buffoons since the heyday of the Italian commedia dell'arte, in which a "zanni" was a stock servant character, often an intelligent and proud valet with abundant common sense and a love of practical jokes. Zanni comes from a dialect nickname for Giovanni, the Italian form of John. The character quickly spread throughout European theater circles, inspiring such familiar characters as Pierrot and Harlequin, and by the late 1500s an anglicized version of the noun zany was introduced to English. The adjective appeared within decades, and eventually both adopted more general meanings to refer to or describe those of us who are quipsters and weirdos.

THE ODD WORD

Zek

Inmate of prison labour camp.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Zero tolerance

Meaning: A form of policing that allows no crime or anti-social behaviour to be overlooked.
Origin: As the name of a form of policing this term came into use in the USA in the 1970s. This method typically involved allocating additional law-enforcement resources to areas where some form of crime, mugging or prostitution, was endemic and then applying the strict and uncompromising letter of the law. The term was reported in The New York Times in December 1972: "Federal officials say the calculations were based on 'assuming zero tolerance' from now on for ineligibility and overpayments." The person most closely associated with the policy of zero tolerance on drug crime in the USA was William von Raab, who was the U.S. Commissioner of Customs during the Reagan and first Bush administrations and an architect of the so-called 'War on Drugs'. The name, as well as the policing method, has since migrated to other countries. The term appears to have been adapted from a previous usage by the US Food and Drug Administration, where 'zero tolerance' was used to describe the amounts of pesticides that were allowable in foodstuff, like milk for example. This usage was widespread in the 1950s and 1960s.

QUOTE BOX

Tolerance is the virtue of the man without convictions. **—G.K. Chesterton**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

SERENADE
OVERTURE
NOCTURNE
INTERMEZZO
ETUDE

Answer: Sound of music.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Periods of time
5 Veni, Vidi, ____ : I came, I saw, I conquered?
9 Evening, poetically contracted
12 Bathroom powder
13 Man's name or name of an operatic prince?
14 An old, inferior, or worthless horse
15 ___ Khayyam
16 Persuade (4,4)
18 Bird with enormous bill
20 Labour assn.
21 ___ de mer : seasickness?
22 Lacking the power
25 Young dog
28 Chow mein enhancer
29 Indochinese language
30 Responsibility
31 One of the Three Stooges?
32 "Half" or "half-sized" as a prefix?
33 Respectful term of address for a man
34 Confer knighthood
35 Portable chair
36 Inscribed
38 And so on abbr.
39 Owns or possesses
40 Swiftly
44 Representative samples
47 Indian wrestling great ___ Singh
48 Cost estimating system, abbr.
49 Drain slowly
50 English schools ___ and Harrow
51 Poetic homage
52 Frog-like creature
53 Subsided

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	R	E	S	■	T	A	J	■	S	K	E	W
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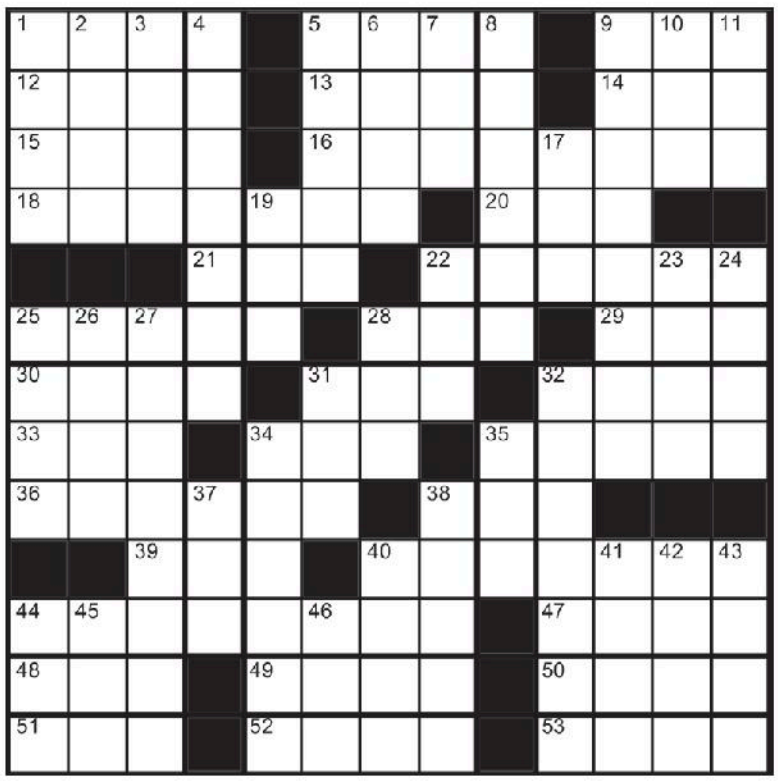
DOWN

1 Surmounting
2 The ___ is up : the plot is revealed and finished?
3 Israeli carrier (2,2)
4 Is very economical
5 Essential
6 Lendl of international tennis fame?
7 Maj.'s boss
8 Annoying or irritating
9 Conferred an honour upon
10 A wooden barrel
11 Sense of self
17 ___ Arun : playback singer?
19 Coral island
22 Put to work
23 Tibetan monk
24 English batsman ___ Morgan
25 Sit for an artist
26 Single entity
27 Buy
28 Crowd
31 Wet soft earth
32 Settles or resolves
34 Cruel dictator
35 Std. temp. & press.
37 Form of pig meat
38 Relaxed
40 ___ Shah Pehlvi : ex-Monarch of Iran?
41 Facts and figures
42 Author Hubbard (1,3)
43 Jerk
44 Green prefix?
45 Marked wrong
46 Toilet, especially in England ?



SUDOKU

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2	5	3						8
			6				5	
			5	6			8	
3	1			4			6	2
	6			8	1			
	9				6			
8						9	4	7
		4			7			

Answer to previous puzzle

3	4	5	2	9	7	6	8	1
1	6	7	4	5	8	3	2	9
2	9	8	1	3	6	4	5	7
5	8	3	9	6	2	7	1	4
6	1	2	3	7	4	8	9	5
9	7	4	8	1	5	2	3	6
8	2	1	6	4	9	5	7	3
4	5	9	7	2	3	1	6	8
7	3	6	5	8	1	9	4	2

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

UVX XYGOQXL TR UVX RWUWQX JQX

UVX XYGOQXL TR UVX YOEB.

TODAY'S CLUE: U EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: There are many ways of going forward, but only one way of standing still.

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John Wick Chapter 4 (E)	(S-1)	10.10 am; (S-4) 9.55 pm
Kabza (K)	(S-1)	1.25 pm
Dasara (Te)	(S-1)	4.05pm,7.05pm,10.05pm
	(S-2)	10.30 am
Bholaa (H-3D)	(S-2)	1.35 pm, 4.30 pm
		7.20 pm, 10.10 pm
Viduthalai Part 1 (Ta)	(S-3)	10.30 am, 1.20 pm
Pathu Thala (Ta)	(S-3)	4.10 pm
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among (E)	(S-3)	7.10 pm
Gurudev Hoysala (K)	(S-4)	11 am, 1.45 pm, 4.30 pm
		7.15 pm, 9.55 pm

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Bholaa (H)	:	10 am, 3.40 pm, 6.25 pm, 9.15 pm
Viduthalai Part - 1 (Ta)	:	10.10 am, 12.50 pm, 3.50 pm, 9.15 pm
Gurudev Hoysala (K)	:	10.25 am, 1.10 pm, 3.40 pm
		6.40 pm, 9.15 pm
Dasara (Te)	:	12.15 pm, 3.15 pm, 6.15 pm
Kabzaa (K)	:	1.00 pm
Pathu Thala (Ta)	:	6.15 pm, 9.15 pm

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Bholaa (H-3D)	:	9.15 am, 12.25 pm, 3.50 pm
		6.50 pm, 10.15 pm
Dasara (Te)	:	9.20 am, 12.35 pm, 3.35 pm
		7.00 pm, 10.00 pm
Dasara (H)	:	10.30 pm
John Wick: Chapter 4 (E)	:	9.20 am, 3.55 pm, 10.10 pm
Pathu Thala (Ta)	:	9.45 am, 12.55 pm, 4.05 pm, 7.10 pm
Viduthalai Part - 1 (Ta)	:	10.05 am, 12.50 pm, 4.05 pm
		7.25 pm, 10.20 pm
Gurudev Hoysala (K)	:	10.40 am, 1.30 pm, 4.20 pm
		7.10 pm, 10.00 pm
Dungeons & Dragons (E)	:	1.10 pm, 7.15 pm

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Dasara (Te)	:	9.05 am, 6.55 pm, 10.10 pm
Dasara (K)	:	3:25 pm
Gurudev Hoysala (K)	:	9.45 am, 12.35 pm, 4.10 pm
		6.55 pm, 9.45 pm
Pathu Thala (Ta)	:	9.50 am, 1.00 pm, 7.00 pm
Viduthalai Part - 1 (Ta)	:	9.55 am, 3.50 pm, 10.10 pm
John Wick: Chapter 4 (E)	:	12.20 pm
Bholaa (H)	:	1.00 pm, 4.10 pm,
		7.20 pm, 10.30 pm

EVENTS TODAY (APRIL 1)

- **JSS Mahavidyapeetha, JSS Kalamantapa, Mysuru:** Yeleyara Mela, Mysore Art Gallery Secretary Dr. Jamunarani Mirle inaugurates, CFTRI retd. Scientist & theatre artiste Srimati Hariprasad presides, JSS School, Saraswathipuram, **4 pm.**
- **Angala Sahitya Balaga, Manasagangothri, Mysuru and Ladai Prakashana, Gadag:** Book release — Dr. H.S. Anumapa's 'Belaginolagu Mahadeviyakka' (2nd print) — by Prof. H.S. Raghavendra Rao, Dr. M. Usha speaks about the book, Prof. Aravinda Malagatti presides, publisher Basavaraja Sulibavi and writer Dr. H.S. Anupama will be present, Vinod Mahadevapura welcomes, Shabhana comperes, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru Local Centre, **4.30 pm.**
- **Adamya Rangashale:** Valedictory of theatre camp and staging of play 'Uru Suttaru Hanumappa Horaga,' directed by Vinod C. Mysore, writer and KIKS Director Dr. Vijayakumari S. Karikal inaugurates, progressive thinker Dr. K. Kalachannegowda presides, columnist and retd. Police Officer J.B. Rangaswamy chief guest, Sri Kuvempu Rangamandira, Sri Vivekananda PU College, Jayalakshmipuram, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramaseva Mandali Charitable Trust, Mysore North:** 29th Sri Ramanavami festivities, conferring of 'Sangeetha Kalaradhaka' award on senior mridangist Vid. A.V. Anand; Musical Ballet 'Panchakam' by students of Surabhi Ganakala Mandira, Sri Prasanna Parvati Kalyana Mantapa, V.V. Mohalla, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Mahamedhanandaji speaks on 'Service and Salvation - Letters of Swami Vivekananda,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Ganavisharadha Shri Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira:** 107th Ramanavami Annual Heritage Music Festival, violin duet concert by Vidu. Ila Sangeetha Dilip & Vid. K.J. Dilip, Mandira premises, Devaraja Mohalla, **6.15 pm.**
- **Sri Rama Bhaktavrinda Seva Trust:** 22nd Sri Ramanavami Mahotsava, cultural programme by Noopura Kalavidaru Samskrutika Trust, **6.30 pm;** Mahamangalarati and Prasada Viniyoga, Sri Rama Mandira, E-Block, J.P. Nagar, **8 pm.**
- **Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Public Charitable Trust:** 133rd anniversary of Sri Ramothsava celebrations, 'Sangeethotsava - 2023,' Flute Duet by Vid. Herambha and Vid. Hemanth, Alamma's Choultry, Srirampet, **6.30 pm to 9.30 pm.**
- **Sri Rama Seva Mandali:** 70th Ramotsava, 'Nadalahari' by Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar, Mysuru and troupe, Sri Avani Shankara Mutt, 4th Main Road, 9th Cross Road, Vidyaranyapuram, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APRIL 2)

- **Mysuru City Police:** Police Flag Day celebrations, IGP (retd.) K.T. Balakrishna chief guest, CAR Parade Grounds, **8 am.**
- **Sri Rama Bhaktavrinda Seva Trust:** 22nd Sri Ramanavami Mahotsava, Sri Rama Pattabhisheka Programme, **8 am;** Rathotsava, **11.30 am;** Mahamangalarathi and Prasada Viniyoga, **12 noon;** Cultural programme - Bhajans by R. Lalitha and disciples, **6.30 pm;** Mahamangalarati and Prasada Viniyoga, Sri Rama Mandira, 11th Main Road, E-Block, J.P. Nagar, **8 pm.**
- **Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Public Charitable Trust:** 133rd anniversary of Sri Ramothsava celebrations, 'Sangeethotsava - 2023,' Sita Kalyana (Rama Mandira), **10 am;** Mass Vishnu Sahasranama Parayana followed by a discourse on 'Vishnu Sahasranama' by H.V. Nagaraja Rao, **4.30 pm;** Discourse on 'Ramayana' by K. Ramachandra, retd. Engineer, Rama Mandira, **5 pm to 6 pm;** Vocal Concert by Vid. Ashwath Narayan accompanied by Vid. Vishwesh Chandrashekar on violin, Vid. K.V. Prasad on mridanga and Vid. G.S. Ramanujam on ghata, Alamma's Choultry, near Moole Rama Mandira, Srirampet, **6.30 pm to 9.30 pm.**
- **Ganavisharadha Shri Bidaram Krishnappa's Sri Prasanna Seetharama Mandira and Raaga Music Academy, Mysuru:** 107th Ramanavami Annual Heritage Music Festival, Sri Purandaradasa and Sri Thyagaraja Aradhana, senior musicians and students will sing Pancharathna kritis of Saint Thyagaraja, prasadam distribution, **10 am;** Grand vocal concert by Vidu. Gayathri Venkatraghavan from Chennai, Mandira premises, Devaraja Mohalla, **6.15 pm.**
- **Basava Samiti, Hebbal-Vijayanagar, Mysuru:** Sharana Sangama-280, lecture on 'Dasoha Chakravarthi Sri Sri Gurumalleshwararu' by retd. teacher S. Basavaraju Doddatti, Basava Bhavana, CA-5, 11th Cross, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **10.30 am.**
- **Sri Basaveshwara Vadhu-Varara Vivaha Vedike, Mysuru and Sri Basaveshwara Samskrutika Pratishtana:** Veerashaiva-Lingayat Matrimonial Meet, **1 pm to 5 pm;** Stage programme, writer and journalist Bannur K. Raju inaugurates, Mysuru District Government Employees Association Senior Vice-President Malangi Suresh presides, Vidyabharati Kalyana Mantapa, near Gun House, **12.30 pm.**

INOX LIVE the MOVIE

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Gurudev Hoysala (K)	(S-2)	10.50 am, 1.35 pm, 4.20 pm
		7.05 pm, 9.50 pm
Bholaa (H-3D)	(S-1)	9.40 am, 12.45 pm, 3.50 pm
		6.55 pm, 10.00 pm
Dasara (Te)	(S-3)	9.50 am, 4 pm, 7.10 pm
Viduthalai Part - 1 (Ta)	(S-3)	1.00 pm
	(S-4)	10.35 am, 7.30 pm
Pathu Thala (Ta)	(S-4)	4.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Kabzaa (K)	(S-4)	1.35 pm
John Wick: Chapter 4 (E)	(S-3)	10.20 pm

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Gurudev Hoysala (K)	(S-3)	10.00 am, 12.45 pm, 3.30 pm
		6.15 pm, 9.00 pm
Bhoola (H-3D)	(S-2)	10.10 am, 1.15 pm, 4.20 pm
		7.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Dasara (Te)	(S-1)	4.10 pm, 10.10 pm
	(S-4)	10.05 am
Pathu Thala (Ta)	(S-1)	10.15 am
	(S-4)	1.10 pm, 7.15 pm
Viduthalai Part - 1 (Ta)	(S-4)	4.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Dungeons & Dragons (E)	(S-1)	1.20 pm, 7.20 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

IPL 2023

TODAY'S MATCHES (APRIL 1)

PBKS Vs **KKR** — 3.30 pm
Punjab Cricket Association Stadium, Mohali

LSG Vs **DC** — 7.30 pm
Ekana Cricket Stadium, Lucknow

TOMORROW'S MATCHES (APRIL 2)

SRH Vs **RR** — 3.30 pm
Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium, Hyderabad

RCB Vs **MI** — 7.30 pm
M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru

YESTERDAY'S RESULT

GT - 182 / 5 (19.2)
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